



Optimising Obesity Clinical Trials: From Site Selection to Patient Reach

BIO101 + GLP-1RA to prevent muscle loss in patients with
overweight and obesity: the OBA study



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A clinical-stage biotechnology company specialized in the development of therapeutics for **muscular and metabolic diseases**



HQ location: Paris, France

Other locations in Sao Paulo, BR
and Cambridge, MA US



Founded:
2006



Euronext growth Paris (ALBPS)
OTC Market NYC (BPTSY)



Drug discovery :biology of aging for
developing drugs for age-related diseases



Multiple partnerships

**Academical
partnerships**



**Industrial
partnerships**



**PAGs
partnerships**






**Pharmaceutical
partnership**



Our Clinical Pipeline as of today



Candidate	Indication	Program	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Regulatory	Market
BIO 101 20-hydroxyecdysone	Sarcopenia							
	Obesity							
	Covid-19							
	DMD							

xxx orphan diseases

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Loss of Lean Body Mass significant with GLP-1 RA Therapy

GLP-1 RAs are highly effective in weight loss & experiencing rapid uptake

But **25% - 40% of total body weight loss mediated by GLP-1 RA therapy may be attributed to loss of lean mass**¹⁻³

Preserving lean muscle mass is important to promote long-term metabolic benefits, sustainable weight management and health outcomes⁴⁻⁷

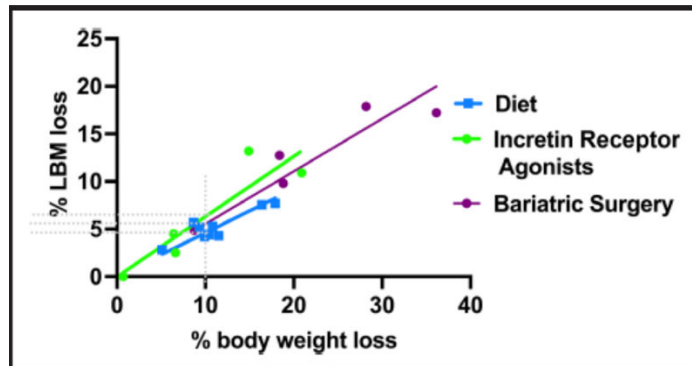
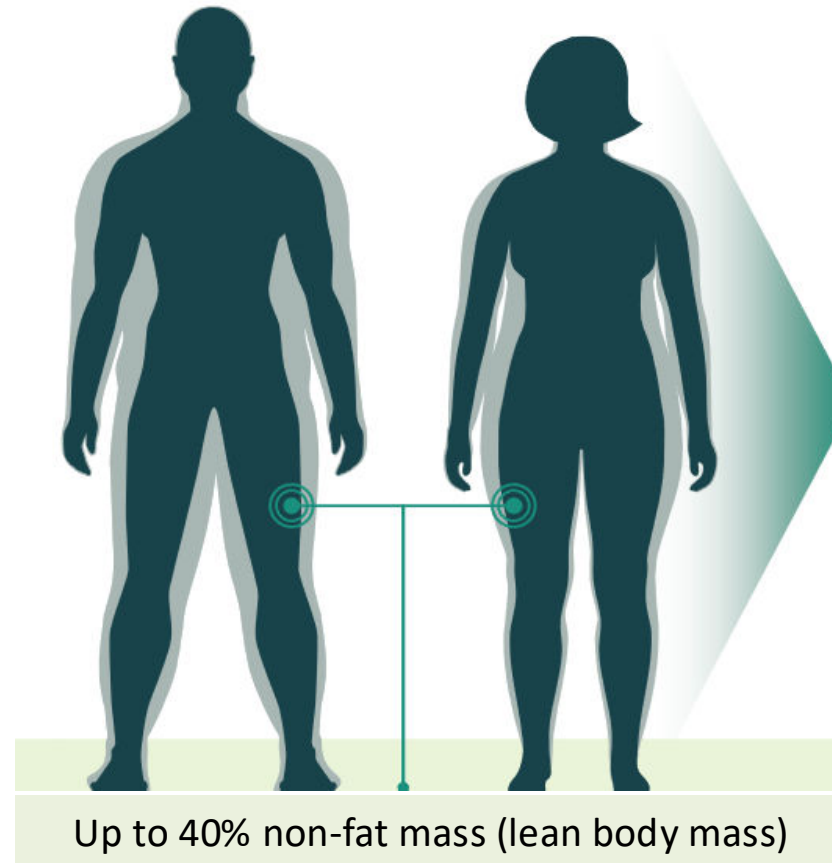


Figure 1. The relationship of percent weight loss to percent loss of lean body mass resulting from dietary intervention, therapy with GLP-1 RA or GLP-1/GIP RA, or bariatric surgery in various studies.⁸



Current weight loss strategies challenged by:

- Tolerability
- Lack of durability (rebound)
- Significant lean body mass loss¹⁻³

Source : 1. Muller TD, et al Anti-obesity drug discovery: advances and challenges. Nature Reviews Drug Discovery 2022; 21, 201-223;
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OBA Phase 2 study:
randomized placebo-controlled study in 164
patients with obesity and overweight
starting treatment with GLP-1RA

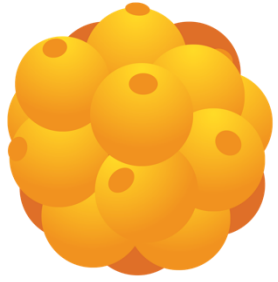
- To evaluate the **efficacy and safety** of 21 weeks of oral 20-Hydroxyecdysone (20E) versus placebo in adult patients starting a GLP-1RA to **reduce the potential muscle strength loss from GLP-1 agonists**



« It is critical for us to study the safety and efficacy of BIO101 designed to reduce the risk of muscle mass loss »

Pr Cornier, President-elect of Obesity Society





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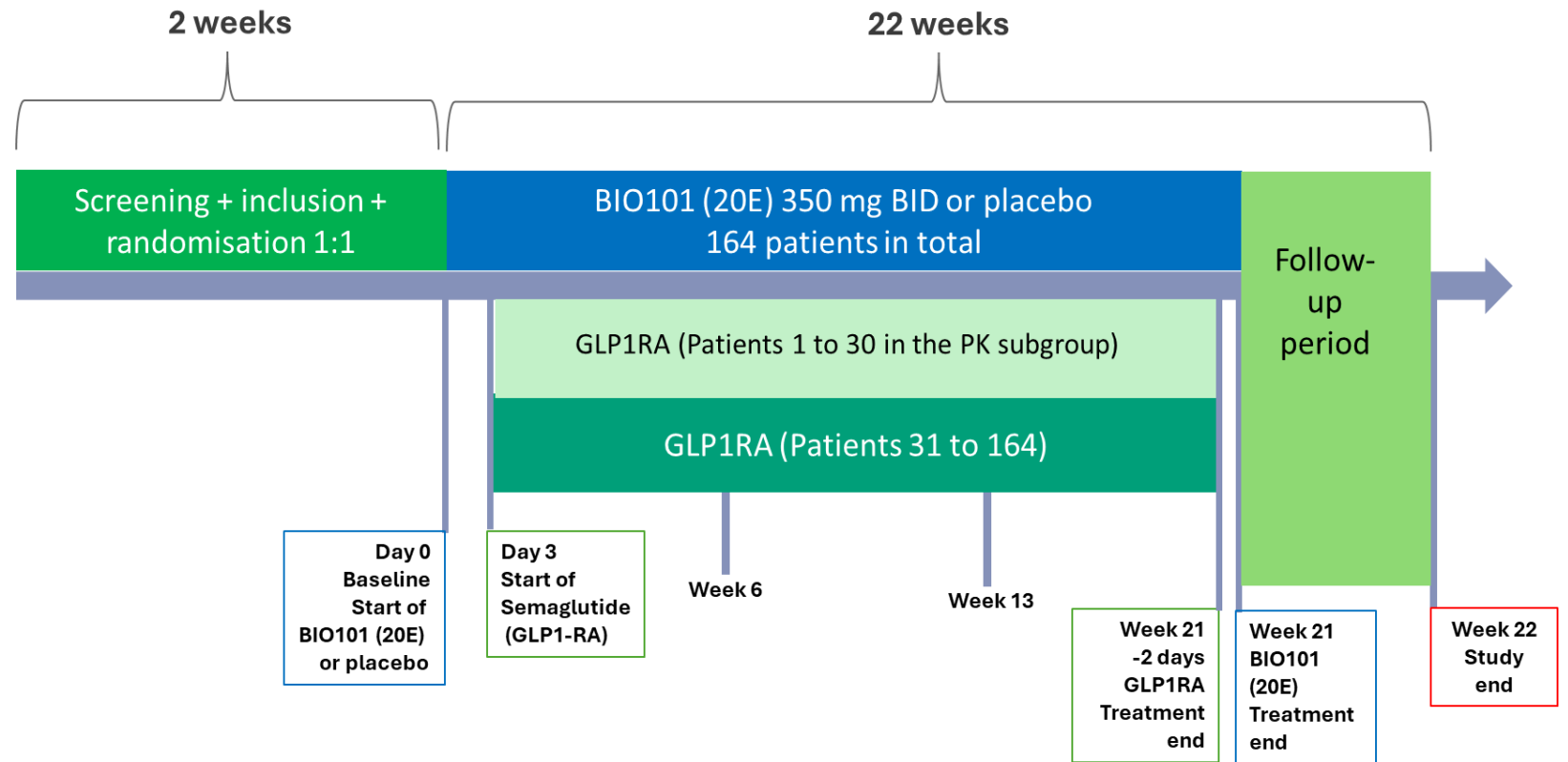
A Phase 2, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled multicenter study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of 20-Hydroxyecdysone (20E) in reducing the muscle strength loss from GLP1 agonists in combination with dieting in obese adult patients

Sample size : 164 patients

Target population:

Obese patients BMI ≥ 30 or overweight (BMI ≥ 27) with one or more weight-related sequelae (e.g. dysglycemia, hypertension) who will start treatment with semaglutide a GLP-1 agonist.

Site Location :





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Primary Objective

To assess the efficacy of 20E on muscle strength

Primary Endpoint :

knee extension strength evaluated by isokinetic dynamometry

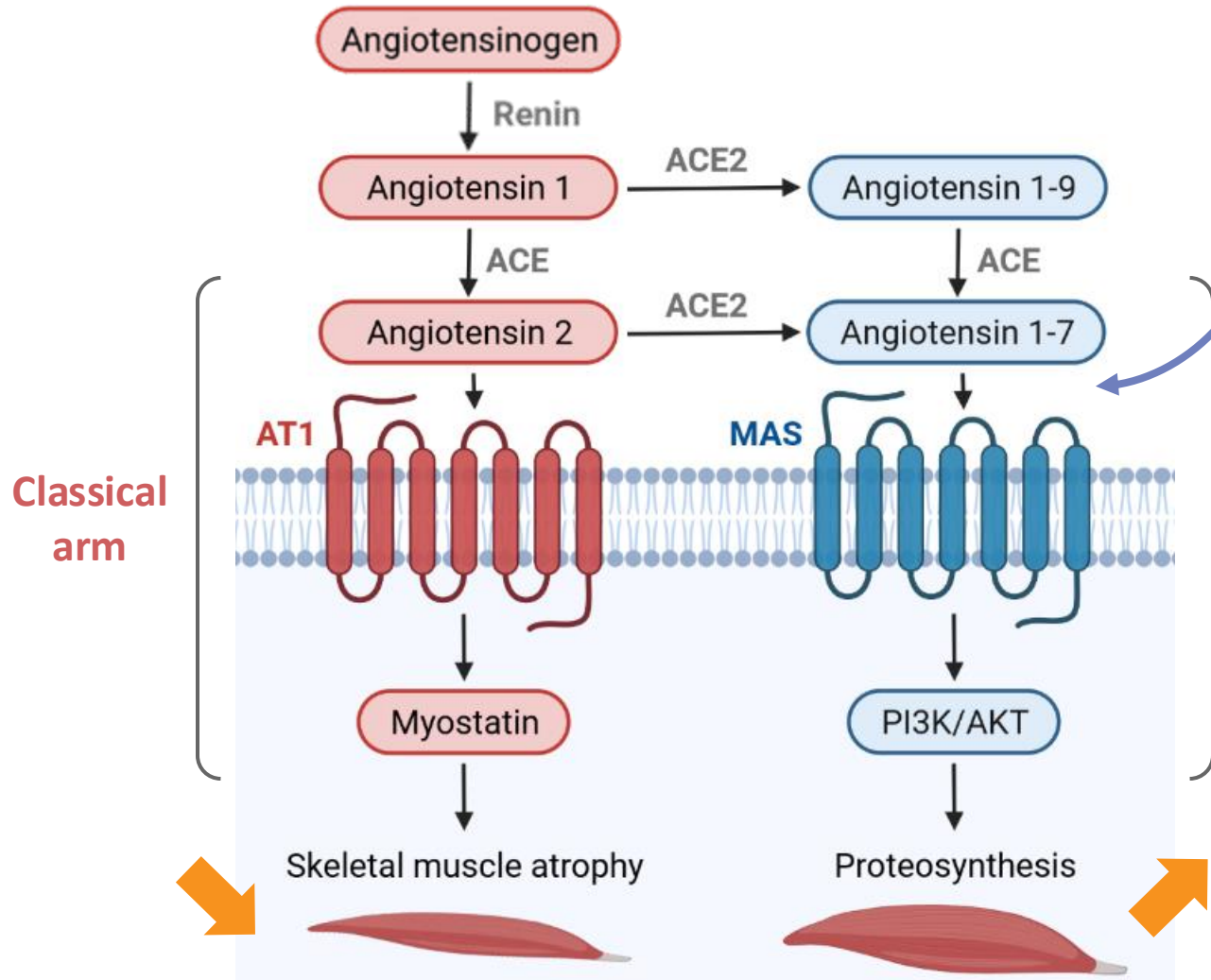


Secondary and exploratory Objectives

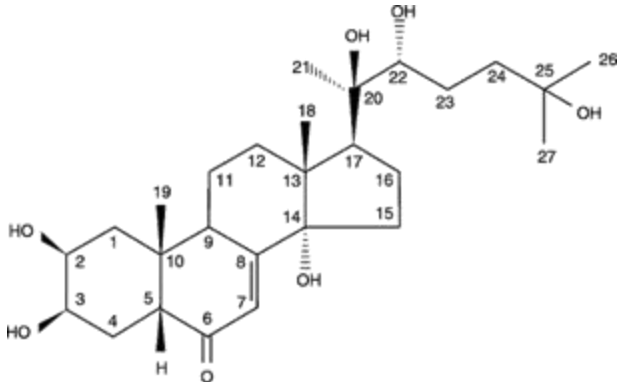
Endpoints

To explore the efficacy of 20E on another measure of muscle strength	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knee extension strength at intermediate timepoints• Knee flexion strength evaluated by Isokinetic Dynamometry.• Hand Grip Strength (HGS)
To explore the efficacy of 20E on performance and mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6MWD• 5XSST• Stair climb
To explore 20E effect on body composition	DXA: appendicular and total lean body mass and fat mass (central reading)
To explore 20E effect on health related QoL	SF-36 WQoL- Lite CT Physical Function score and total score
To explore 20E effect on Body weight and Anthropometry	BMI, Body weight, waist circumference
To explore 20E effect on Insuline sensitivity, glucose control, blood pressure	HOMA, (fasted insulin + glucose) + Hba1c, LDL, HDL, triglycerides Blood pressure: SBP+DBP

BIO101, a MAS receptor activator with beneficial effect on muscle



BIO101



Ecdysteroides = class of steroid hormones

> J Mol Endocrinol. 2021 Dec 23;68(2):77-87. doi: 10.1530/JME-21-0033.

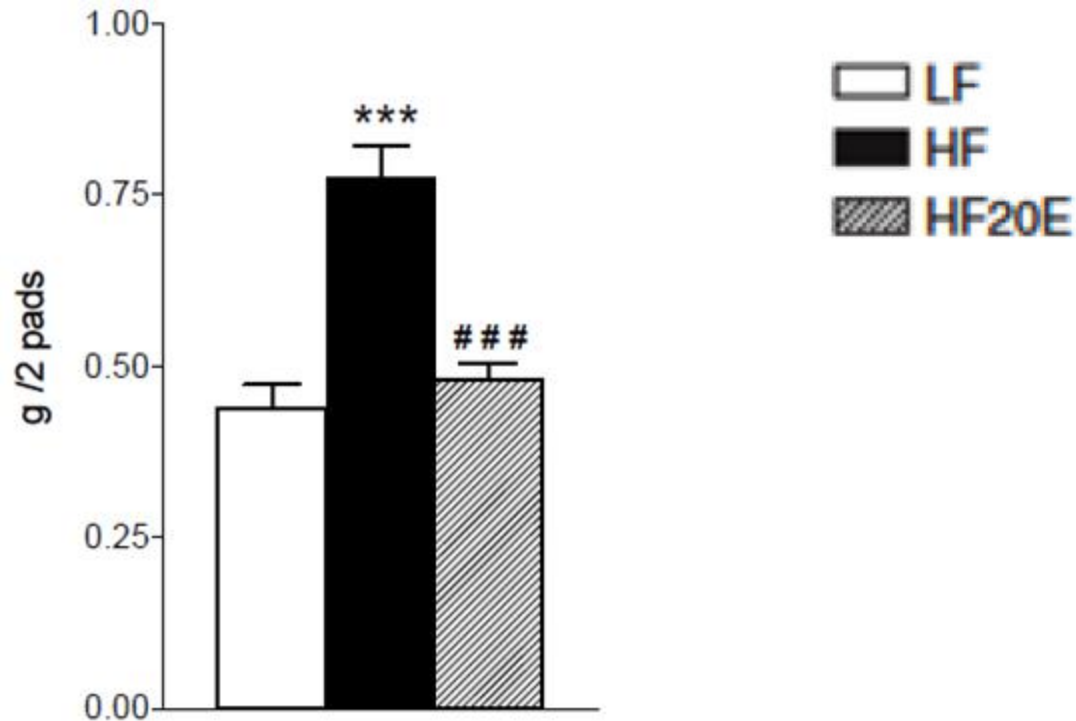
20-Hydroxyecdysone activates the protective arm of the RAAS via the MAS receptor

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Rationale : previous results in obesity: BIO101 (20E) limits the fat mass development in the high-fat diet mouse model

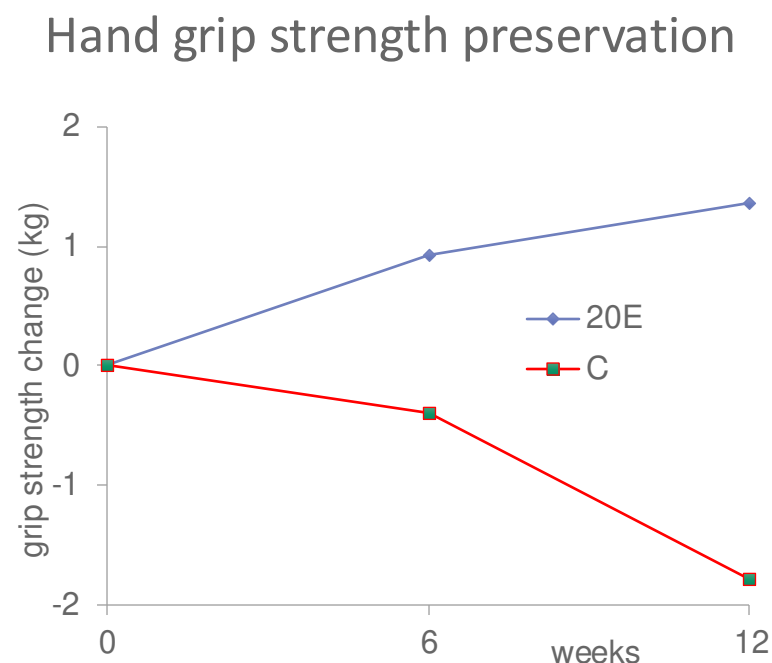
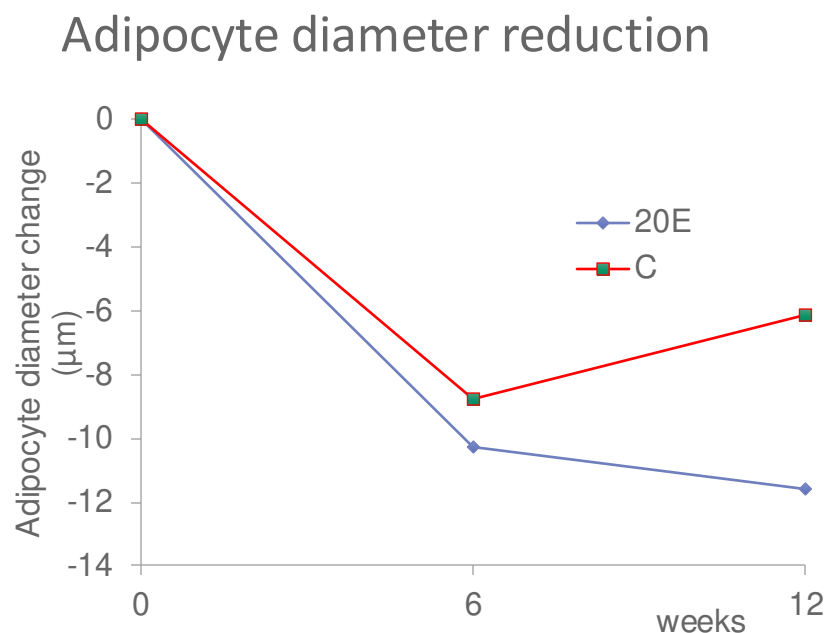
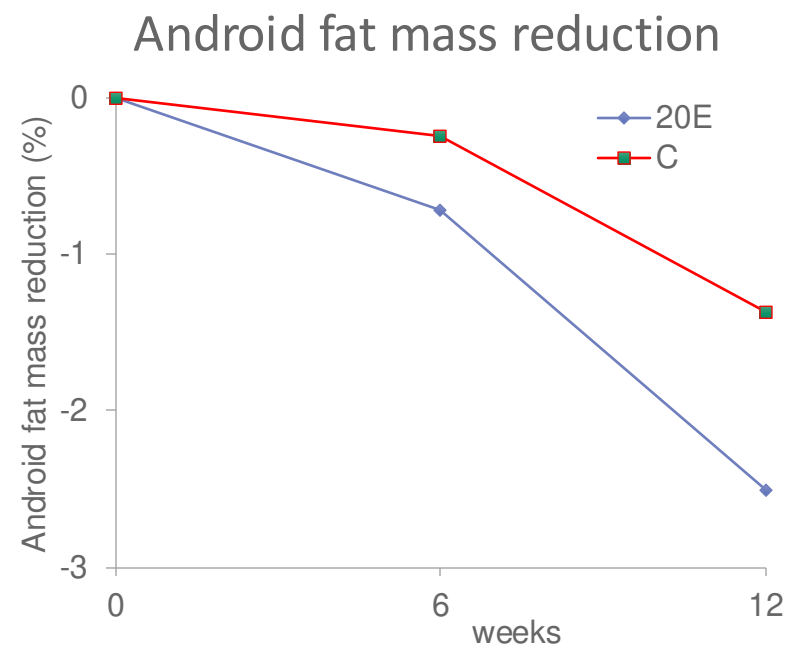


Epididymal adipose tissue weight

*** $P < 0.001$ vs LF; ## $P < 0.01$ vs HF; ### $P < 0.001$ vs HF

Feeding mice with a high fat (HF) diet:
Addition of 20E (HF20E, 5 mg/kg per day) results in a lower development of adiposity

Randomized placebo-controlled study with 37.5 mg 20E in 58 obese and overweight subjects



37.5 mg 20E ■ Placebo ■

Statistically significant decrease of android fat mass ($p=0.039$)

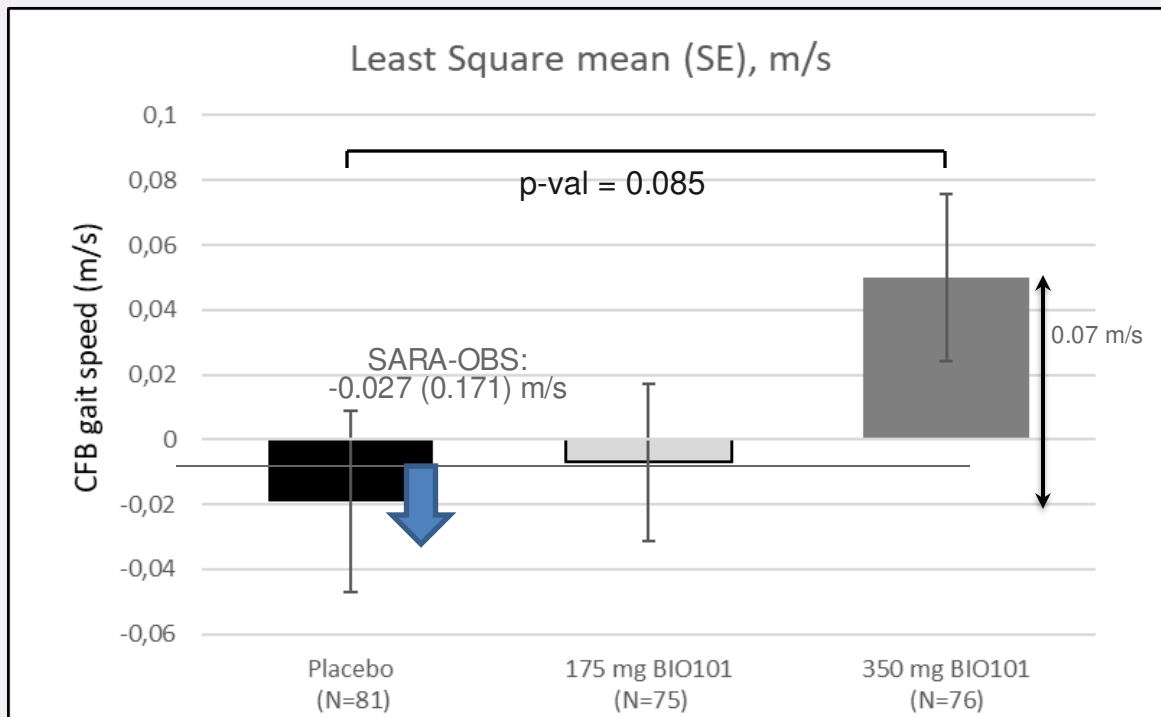
Statistically significant decrease in adipocyte diameter ($p=0.032$)

Trend for handgrip strenght maintenance in subjects who lost > 5% of their initial weight during the weight loss phase ($p=0.097$)

Phase 2 SARA-INT : Efficacy analysis overtime (*baseline versus M6*)



Secondary analysis of the primary endpoint: Change from Baseline in Gait speed from 400MWT



FAS Population at M6:

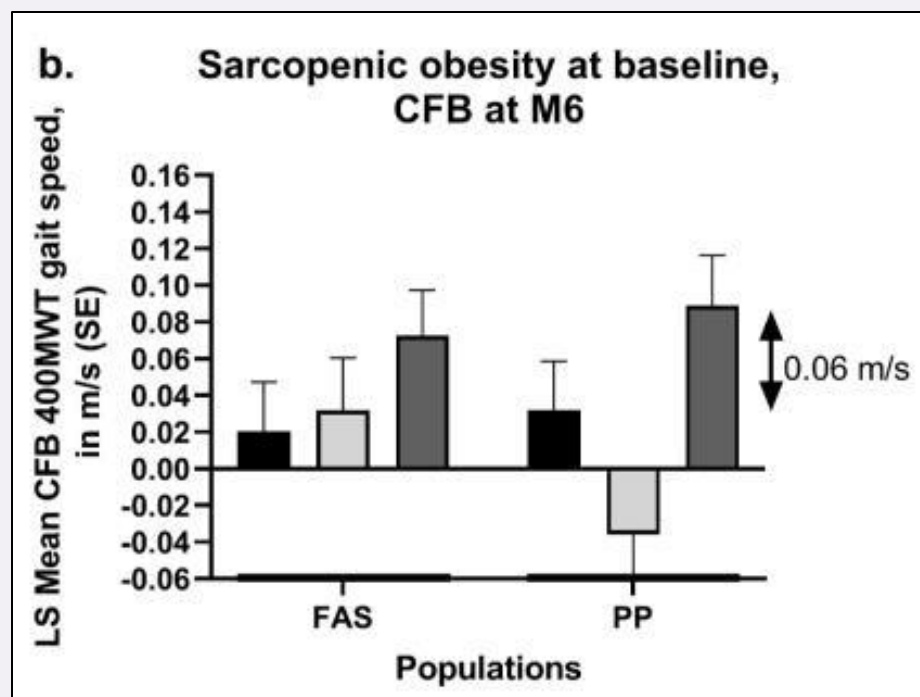
Statistical analysis of Change From Baseline (CFB) in 400MWT gait speed based on Multiple Imputation for subjects without on-site visit data at M6 and adj. Bayesian Imputation for non completers at M6

- ⇒ Natural deterioration in gait speed in placebo group, similar to the SARA-OBS population
- ⇒ Close to statistical significance and close to clinical significance at the highest dose
- ⇒ Trend for a dose effect

Phase 2 SARA-INT : Efficacy analysis for gait speed from 400MWT

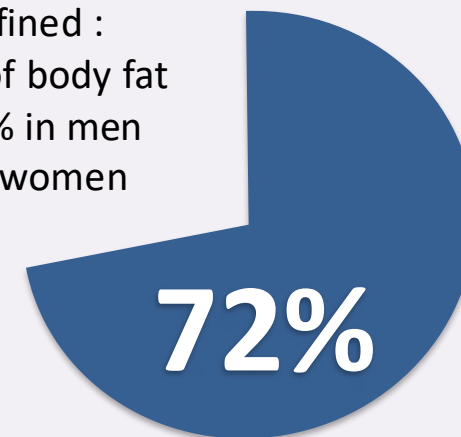


Subgroup analysis in patients with sarcopenic obesity (% of body fat mass of >25% in men and >35% in women)



Placebo
175 mg BID
350 mg BID

Of the 233 randomized were **sarcopenic obese** as defined : percentage of body fat mass of >25% in men and >35% in women



⇒ **Nominally significant treatment effect versus placebo**

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Main drivers	Activities	Target
Site selection/recruitment strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track record on obesity and physical performance trials Updated patient database Sites already involved in previous Biophytis trials No competition studies Experienced in Pharmacokinetic studies Ability to quickly reach a high recruitment rate: eg 5 pts/site/month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 164 patients with Obesity and overweight 6 US sites 2 EU sites
Target population/Patient engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient Centric Focus Living in close geographic location Ensuring diversity Ensure Patient recruitment, adherence and retention using innovative tools 	
Durability and sustained outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance with dieting, protein intake and exercise Maintain drop out at the lowest rate Maintain durable weight loss and prevent weight regain Ensure GLP-1RA availability 	
Outsourcing strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure an optimized vendor selection process True collaboration sponsor/vendor from beginning to end Mid or small size local CROs 	
Feasibility Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Body composition measurements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fat mass/Fat free mass measurement with DEXA Physical performance measurements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodex; Mobility (6MWD; Stair climb etc....) Training the sites and homogenized assessment instructions Patient Reported Outcomes (QOL) 	

Questions and discussion

Thank you for your attention!



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The Need : Optimising the Fat-to-Lean mass ratio associated with AOM

Fat-to-Lean mass ratio

zepbound™
3,11

wegovy®
1,98

Tirzepatide in obese patients was said to be “similar to that reported with lifestyle-based and surgical treatments for obesity,” (Jastreboff et. al. NEJM 2022). In the Ph3 SURMOUNT-1 trial, tirzepatide showed a 3.11-to-1 ratio of fat-to-lean mass loss on a percentage basis (week 72, absolute basis not reported, Jastreboff et. al. NEJM 2022).

Semaglutide at its weight loss dose of 2.4 might have a potentially worse lean mass loss ratio. In the Ph3 trial STEP-1, semaglutide showed less optimal 1.98-to-1 ratio on a percentage basis (1.50-to-1 on an absolute basis, at week 68 Wilding et. al JES 2021 and Wilding et. al. NEJM 2021).



Separately, for patients who stop GLP1+ therapies, it is speculated that they may regain more fat than lean mass in the short term, but it is possible that their bodies may adjust closer to normal over the longer term. Unfortunately, patients' body composition after stopping therapy remains poorly characterized, and it is unclear which studies (if any) will evaluate this in the future.

Need : There is a high medical demand for preserving muscle strength

96%

of obese patients have
**impaired specific muscle
strength** ⁽¹⁾



84%

of obese
patients are
deemed to
have **poor
muscle quality**
⁽¹⁾

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In clinical practice, caregivers
should consider strategies to
maintain muscle
status when applying surgical or
pharmacological obesity
management therapies ⁽²⁾

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Journal of Obesity

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Source : (1) Valenzuela et al. BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders (2020) 21:200, (2) [Obesity management strategies should cut fat, not muscle | International Journal of Obesity \(nature.com\)](#)